

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A communication device, comprising:

means for generating an RF (radio frequency) signal;

means for modulating the RF signal [[,]] and for modulating a received RF signal of another device;

means for demodulating a second RF signal provided to the communication device from the another device; and

means for detecting the second RF signal of the another device, wherein the means for generating is actuated to initiate an active or a passive mode communication, when the means for detecting does not detect the second RF signal at a level of a first field strength threshold or more, the active mode including a transmission of modulated data at the communication device and the another device, the passive mode providing a load modulated communication from the another device to the communication device, and, when the communication device receives an indication to start a communication of the active mode from the another device, the ~~means for demodulating~~ communication device receives data from the another device at a level of a second field strength threshold or ~~higher~~ more, the second field strength threshold being higher than the first field strength threshold.

14. (Currently Amended) The communication device in accordance with Claim 13, further comprising:

means for setting the first and second ~~threshold~~ field strength thresholds.

15. (Currently Amended) The communication device in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the RF signals are transmitted/received by a coil antenna.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of performing a near field communication, comprising:

generating an RF (radio frequency) signal at a first communication device;

modulating the RF signal, and modulating a received RF signal of a second communication device, when the RF signal of the second communication device is received;

demodulating a second RF signal provided to the first communication device from the second communication device; and

detecting the second RF signal of the second communication device, wherein the generating is actuated to initiate an active or a passive mode communication, when the detecting does not detect the second RF signal at a level of a first field strength threshold or more, the active mode including a transmission of modulated data at the first communication device and the second communication device, the passive mode providing a load modulated communication from the second communication device to the first communication device, and, when the first communication device receives an indication to start a communication of the active mode from the second communication device, the ~~demodulating~~ first communication device receives data from the second communication device at a level of a second field strength threshold or ~~higher~~ more, the second field strength threshold being higher than the first field strength threshold.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~tangible~~ non-transitory, computer readable storage medium encoded with computer program instructions, which when executed cause the

computer to operate as a near field communication device implementing a method comprising:

generating an RF (radio frequency) signal;

modulating the RF signal, and modulating a received RF signal of a ~~second~~ communication device, when the RF signal of the communication device is received;

demodulating a second RF signal provided to the ~~first communication device~~ computer from the ~~second~~ communication device; and

detecting the second RF signal of the ~~second~~ communication device, wherein the generating is actuated to initiate an active or a passive mode communication, when the detecting does not detect the second RF signal at a level of a first field strength threshold or more, the active mode including a transmission of modulated data at the ~~first communication device~~ computer and the ~~second~~ communication device, the passive mode providing load modulated communication from the ~~second~~ communication device to the ~~first communication device~~ computer, and, when the ~~first communication device~~ computer receives an indication to start a communication of the active mode from the ~~second~~ communication device, the ~~demodulating computer~~ receives data from the communication device at a level of a second field strength threshold or ~~higher~~ more, the second field strength threshold being higher than the first field strength threshold.

18. (New) The communication device in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the first and second field strength thresholds are magnetic flux density thresholds.